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Mixed bag at first shoreline preservation bylaw open house

MIKE BAKER

Editor

There were many opposing opinions and viewpoints presented by members of the public during a virtual shoreline preservation bylaw open house, hosted by the County of Haliburton on Thursday evening [July 29].

In what is arguably the most significant hot-button issue in the Highlands right now, members of council joined representatives from Hutchinson Environmental Sciences and JL Richards Associates – the firms tasked with providing an independent review of an all-encompassing shoreline bylaw document – in listening to 21 different delegates offer their thoughts and opinions on a piece of legislation that has been in the works at the county level for several years.

Thursday's meeting was borne out of a desire by county officials to open discussion on the issue and allow members of the community to provide feedback, months after attempts to push a bylaw through were met by vitriol by those who would be most impacted.

So, what's the story behind the bylaw? Haliburton County council has long held concerns over the health and water quality of lakes in the Highlands. Members have spent much of the past 18 months

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Holding true for a cause

Yoga participants Meredith Parcher of Oakville and Michelle Baily of Haliburton hold a position on Wednesday, July 28 at the Rotary Park Bandshell at Head Lake Park. The by-donation event was led by Amanda Rico of Harmony Yoga. All proceeds help Yoga Medicine Seva Foundation, which helps to end human trafficking and funds rescue missions, provide shelter, education and employment for women and children. More practices, which are suitable for all ages and abilities start at 7 p.m., and are scheduled for Aug. 11, 18, 25 at the Rotary Park Bandshell in Haliburton. See more photos on page 11. /DARREN LUM Staff

New apartment complex coming to Haliburton, move-in slated for 2023

MIKE BAKER

Editor

There was some good news for potential renters in the region last week after Dysart et al council approved the con-

struction of a new 21-unit apartment complex in downtown Haliburton.

Slated for a one-acre lot on the corner of Maple Ave. and Victoria St., the development will feature three separate multi-unit buildings and will be made up, largely, of subsidized housing.

Richard Carson, the man behind the proposal, informed Dysart council he has been in discussions with the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation of which the township is a partner in, to

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New units to feature 'above average' finish

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designate 14 of the 21 units as affordable housing.

"I have been involved in the Haliburton community for over 50 years, and I do spend a lot of my time cottaging in the area. I own and have built a couple of residential properties in town, and through that I have become keenly aware of the lack of residential housing, and rental residential housing specifically," Carson said. "I have a few houses [that I rent], and one of those, if at any time a vacancy becomes available, I'm amazed by the number of applications we get from people."

"That notion, combined with affordable housing being in [Dysart's] official plan, and being a priority of the provincial and federal governments, is the reason we acquired these properties," he added.

Lack of available housing has long been a problem in Haliburton County, particularly within Dysart's borders. Mayor Andrea Roberts said that rental units were in huge demand, and that this new development would have a lot of suitors, from people of all walks of life.

"I saw a post on Facebook [recently] and it just breaks my heart – it's a woman and her daughter pleading for a place to live in our community. There's another family who recently lost their home to fire, and I don't believe they've found a place to live yet," Roberts said. "The need is incredible to have more dedicated rental units here in the village. Thank you for wanting to invest in our community."

Roberts hopes these new units will also help the community retain important working professionals. She shared a story how a pair of nurses who were working at Haliburton Highlands Health Services recently left the area having been unable to find suitable accommodations.

The total cost of the development is expected to reach \$6 million. Perhaps a little out of the ordinary for apartment complexes, particularly those slated for affordable living, Carson said the units will all come equipped with "above average" finishing.

Each unit, he expects, will be around 1,500 sq. ft., with a minimum of two bedrooms, and will include individual laundry facilities, air conditioning, stainless steel appliances, on-site parking and nine-foot ceilings.

Split into two phases, Carson is planning to begin construction on the two six-unit buildings later this year. He anticipates construction will take between 12 and 14 months, with move-in expected for the start of 2023.

A second phase, which will consist of a single nine-unit building, will begin in the summer of 2023, with a view to completing the project by the end of 2024.

It was noted that the small house that currently sits on the plot of land will be demolished to make way for the new construction. The tenants of the property will be offered an apartment in one of the new facilities.

Since a significant portion of the development is being set aside for affordable housing, the project qualified for financial incentives. In total, Dysart signed off on essentially waiving \$61,700 in different connection and application fees – something that angered Ward 4 Coun. John Smith.

"It's the easiest thing in the world to say 'oh, it's affordable housing, we ought to do this, we're going to get tax revenue in the future', but the reality to me is this is going to go ahead [anyway]... Asking seniors who are on a pension just getting by, or young people who are barely making ends meet subsidize housing for others, and housing for others that is of such a high standard, I find troubling," Smith said.

Council voted 5 to 1 in favour of supporting the project, with Smith the lone vote opposed.

It was asked towards the end of the discussion how Carson and his company, Hot Pond Enterprises Corp., would select who would be able to move into the apartments. It was revealed that decision, at least for the affordable housing units, would be largely be left to the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation.

"They have a system whereby they take in a pool of people who qualify using [different] metrics, and they give us a pool of candidates that have been approved, who we would then interview," Carson said. "We are not allowed to just go to anyone in the marketplace and say 'you can live here' – these people have to be approved by the housing authority."

Ward 2 Coun. Larry Clarke said he wasn't delighted that individuals from outside Haliburton County could potentially be offered one of the units ahead of an area resident, but that council had an obligation to support this endeavour.

"We have a massive housing shortage, the price of properties has skyrocketed and that has translated to the fact people working in different service industries can no longer live here," Clarke said. "Council needs to step up and say 'yeah, we are supporting people who enable this community to operate'," stating that Carson's development ticks that box.

Officers cleared in SIU investigation

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Two Haliburton Highlands OPP officers who discharged firearms resulting in the fatal shooting of a man last summer have been cleared in an investigation by the Ontario Special Investigations Unit.

On the morning of July 15, 2020, a man went to enter the Minden Valu-Mart and when it was requested he wear a face mask to enter, assaulted an employee before using his vehicle to ram other vehicles in the store's parking lot, before speeding away. Police used the licence plate on his vehicle to track him to his residence near Drag Lake. At the residence, there was an interaction between members of the OPP and the man, which resulted in two officers discharging their firearms. The man was subsequently taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead, and his identity was later revealed as Leslie John Hegedus, 73.

The SIU report shows Hegedus had weapons on the

property, and had begun firing at police from a concealed location in the bush, with officers returning fire.

"In the course of this exchange, it appears Mr. Hegedus fired further rounds from his rifle before he was incapacitated," the report reads. "... Mr. Hegedus' rifle – a Ruger .223 semi-automatic rifle – was recovered at the scene, together with a magazine loaded with five rounds. The magazine was capable of holding ten rounds. Also recovered at the scene was a Browning .380 semi-automatic pistol with two associated magazines, and a knapsack that contained numerous rounds of .223 and .380 calibre ammunition."

Thirty-two cartridges were recovered by the SIU, six of which had been fired from Hegedus's weapon, and combined 26 from the weapons of the two officers.

An autopsy showed Hegedus' had sustained three gunshot wounds, with a shot to his right back being determined as the cause of death.

Neighbours reported Hegedus' as being someone who kept to himself, and the SIU initially had trouble locating any next of kin.

The Ontario Special Investigations Unit is a civilian oversight body that investigates cases of serious injury, death or allegations of assault involving police officers.

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Cranking out the smiles with gravel miles

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Riders of all backgrounds will be finding what moves them during the upcoming 8 Hours of Hurtin' in Haliburton gravel race.

Hosted by the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve for the third consecutive year, the bike race will provide a diverse cross-section of riders an opportunity to tackle as many 27-kilometre loops as they want within an eight hour period on Sept. 18.

"That's the point of the race is to show up and push yourself and see really what your body is capable of or your mind, depending on what really nags most first," race organizer and event founder Marc Sinclair said.

He adds this lapped race, which includes an undulating route with twists and turns on gravel roads, and close to 300 metres of elevation, is an ideal type of format for riders of all skill levels instead of a long distance race.

"You can do one or two laps and if that's all you're able to do and you've pushed yourself and you're happy with your effort you still get a finisher pass that shows the mileage you've done and you feel like you've accomplished something for the day. But it's in a safe manner so that way when you finish a lap you finish by your car you can leave, but if it's a 200 kilometre [race] you get stuck half way, a 100 kilometres in it's just not a scenario that's great for beginners," he said.

This race isn't just for the elite riders, who are ready to take the podium. It's for everyone that loves to ride and has a yearning for a challenge.

Last year, the top solo rider completed



The 8 Hours of Hurtin' in Haliburton draws a diverse mix of riders from those looking for laughs to those looking to finish at the top of the podium. Riders will be riding a 27 kilometre lap as many times within an eight hour period on Sept. 18. /Photo submitted

216 kilometres in eight hours on a gravel specific bike – think road bike with curled handle bars, but wider tires. In contrast, two perennial participants have come and ridden their fat bikes, which are heavier and have much wider tires than a typical 29er mountain bike, looking to not pass as many riders as possible, so much as take in and enjoy their race experience. They finished with 81 kilometres. This diversity also enables riders with all mindsets to find their group, whatever the pace they're setting.

In addition to the aid stations on the 27-kilometre course racers can take a break, eat or socialize (before COVID) in the pit area at the start/finish, Sinclair said.

Sinclair characterizes the Forest as a "hidden gem."

"Haliburton Forest roads are really spectacular in the sense that they have these rolling hills. Their gravel is fast, flowing and you really get a back country experience when you're riding the gravel roads of Haliburton Forest," he said.

With COVID-19, running a race is nothing like it was before.

"That's probably one of the hardest things about being a race director during all this is you're so focused on controlling things and being proactive and COVID is been something you can't control, so it makes it pretty difficult," he said.

At this point with health and safety restrictions related to COVID-19, it's not clear if there will be a mass start or staggered starts.

Returning riders will notice this year's route will seem the same, except it's counter-clockwise. This direction now includes a climb.

The event continues to grow and, like many in-person sporting events, exploded with popularity this year. There were 50 riders the first year and even with a cap last year because of health restrictions there were 100. This year there are already 140 registered, but there are close to 200 on a wait list.

"So, I'm pretty excited to see what that

turnout is going to be and then in addition to that we're hoping to open to the public as of Aug. 7."

Within two weeks the race was sold out to the 100-rider permitted capacity in December when registration opened. Since January there was a wait list established and those participants were permitted to register a little more than a week ago.

Sinclair's aspirations include expanding the event to two days and creating a festival atmosphere where local partners and businesses, who were there at the very start of everything can come on site to interact with participants and learn more about the community.

Sinclair is thankful to everyone who has made his race possible, whether it's the volunteers, the Forest, Sir Sam's Ski and Ride for on-site mechanical assistance, and Haliburton Highlands Brewing, who has hosted the post-event party.

After two years Sinclair said the main thing he has learned is that an event like this is about building a community.

"Every year everyone learns a little bit more about the event and volunteers can handle their duties without working with me because it's something they've taken on [before]. The racers are looking to improve their times. Each year they're training, practicing to push their own limits to see if they can improve year over year, and even just working with local businesses as well and building relationships with them to build community has been fantastic," he said.

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Abbey Retreat Centre a place where people can heal their souls

JEREMY BORG

Special to the Echo

The Abbey Retreat Centre, a long-term fixture in the Haliburton community, has been helping those suffering with cancer, and their families, with their individual healing journeys for around five years.

The Abbey Retreat Centre began from a vision. Two people who had experienced their own healing journeys at an establishment in Seattle had a vision for a place in Haliburton where people could experience a healing journey of their own.

Utilizing the natural beauty of Haliburton, John and Thea Patterson (The founders of the Abbey retreat centre) sought to create a location that could be a place in nature where those with cancer could convene with specialists from various fields in order to improve their mental and physical health.

"People with cancer and those who care about them need support," Barb Smith-Morrison, the Executive Director for Abbey Retreat Centre said in a recent interview with the *Echo*. "Doctor's appointments and treatments tend to a patient's physical needs but there are so many other things going on. There is anxiety, depression and fears of dying."

Because of this, the treatments used by Abbey Retreat Centre are focused on the mind, body and soul. The full experience given to those who attend retreats allows those who have been struggling with cancer to understand that they have many outlets to express themselves - even when it may seem difficult.

"The most important thing for someone who attends a retreat is to understand that they are seen, heard and cared for," she said.

There are a variety of amenities offered

to those who attend in-person retreats at Abbey Retreat Centre. Firstly, a team of chefs prepare nutritious meals for the retreat-goers. These meals are focused on catering to those who are experiencing specific dietary needs because of cancer, but also includes food that is nutritionally beneficial. Participants will then go through a series of activities catered to improving one's mental state. Through the use of the arts, specifically art-making and physical well-being activities, attendees are able to reconnect with a piece of themselves that had previously been lost because of the struggles that come with cancer.

The practices used have beneficial uses throughout the life of someone suffering from cancer.

"All these practices, whether it's music or nature connection; all of these things go in our tool kit. They can be sustained in our lives. For example, if someone gets anxious in a doctor's appointment they can use the breathing techniques or pull out pencil crayons from their bag and do something that keeps them calm" Barb Smith-Morrison said.

Specialists from across the globe have endorsed the practices that Abbey Retreat Centre uses for their online and in-person retreats. The COVID-19 pandemic has had both positive and negative effects on The Abbey Retreat Centre. Prior to quarantine measures, in-person retreats were the only options given.

Specialty and regular retreats were run throughout the year, with roughly 60 participants annually. However, due to COVID, a significant portion of programming had to be moved online. The success of online programming, however, has allowed individuals throughout Canada and the U.S to attend retreats. Online retreats were beneficial for a variety

of reasons, mainly the ability for those who were too sick to travel or those who live far away to experience the sense of belonging that comes with a retreat.

Coming this fall, Abbey Retreat Centre is providing a diverse array of experiences for those with cancer to appreciate. In addition to the in-person retreats, online programming will be run semi-regularly. Expansion is not free of cost. With new programming comes new expenses that had previously not been accounted for. In addition, a significant waitlist has piled up due to the lack of availability during the pandemic. Considering that the funding for Abbey Retreat Centre is mainly from donations and grants, the influx of applicants has placed significant

strain on the establishment.

It is fortunate that Abbey Retreat Centre's annual fundraiser The Haliburton Highlands Challenge is currently running. Participants select any physical activity: from walking to swimming, and complete a goal by the end of the fundraiser period at the end of August.

Participants are then to request donations from friends and family to further give to their cause. The goal for The Haliburton Highlands Challenge is \$50,000 in order to fund new programs for the retreat centre, but any amount helps.

To donate, visit <https://abbeyretreat-centre.ca/haliburton-highlands-challenge>.



Early bird gets the draw

The Rotary Club of Haliburton held its \$500 early bird draw on Tuesday, July 20 as a part of its 2021 Annual Car Draw fundraiser. Shannon Robertson was the lucky winner. Pictured, Rotarians David Zilstra, Heather Phillips and Ted Brandon. /Photo by Lorry Brandon.

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EV charging station to be installed by new Haliburton Welcome Centre

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Electric vehicle [EV] owners will soon have a spot in Haliburton to recharge their rides.

During a Dysart et al council meeting on July 27, municipal officials signed off on entering into a 10-year agreement with the Ivy Charging Network, a joint venture between Hydro One and Ontario Power Generation, in a move that will see a level-two charging station installed along York Street, beside the township's new welcome centre.

Korey McKay, Dysart's climate change coordinator, said there were many benefits to bringing an EV charging station to the community.

"The importance of installing an EV station is threefold – first, transportation is the dominant source of emissions in the county, and emissions from the municipal fleet are also a significant part of our corporate inventory," McKay said. "The transition to EVs [from gas-powered vehicles] is happening very quickly over the next decade as demand is increasing, so this is an important strategy that will help us to meet our climate goals."

McKay noted Dysart has committed to reducing its corporate greenhouse gas emissions by 10 per cent for its municipal fleet by 2030.

As part of the agreement, the township will be on the hook for \$4,440 annually over the entirety of the 10-year term. That money will be paid to Ivy Charging Network as something of a subscription.

The other cost involved relates to the electricity that will flow through the charging station. McKay noted that, for these type of devices, hourly electricity

costs would run approximately 80 cents. She recommended that Dysart charge customers \$2 per hour to charge their vehicle.

"The additional revenue can be used to cover the cost of the annual fee," McKay stated.

By implementing a \$2 per hour rate, McKay believes the municipality would essentially break even should the station be used for five hours per day.

A.J. LaRue Arena was also considered as a landing spot for the charging station. McKay noted the site would have been cost prohibitive however, with around \$17,000 in electrical infrastructure upgrades required to support an EV charging station there.

Ward 4 Coun. John Smith was not in favour of bringing the EV charging station to town.

"I worry about the impact of this on our taxpayers. [Korey] said cost recovery should be achieved at five hours of usage each day. I'm confident [of achieving] that in June, July and August, but how

many people are coming here from afar to charge their EV in October and the winter months," Smith wondered. "I don't believe taxpayers should be subsidizing the charging of EVs... There is too much risk and uncertainty."

Smith too wondered if the level-two charging station, which can fully replenish vehicles in two to four hours, would become obsolete over the course of the next decade.

"Level-two stations are useful today, but then dial-up internet connections were once useful, and in a few years they went away to the point people wondered why we would use that," Smith said. "Level-three stations... Ivy plans to have 160 of those installed by the end of this year. Those are the ones that do charging in 20 minutes or so. That will be attractive to people with EVs."

He added, "If we enter into this 10-year agreement, there are excessive termination fees if we decide we want to get out, and we would also be responsible for the

cost for Ivy to come back and remove."

McKay noted the cost to install a level-three charging station was currently in excess of \$100,000.

Ward 5 Coun. Walt McKechnie, who was in favour of the proposal, believed the installation of an EV charging station would be beneficial to businesses in the downtown core.

"Quite a few other communities around are endorsing this. I think it's a good start for us. This is also great for people to come to town, do shopping again and get their car charged," McKechnie said.

It was noted that signage would be erected notifying individuals that they will be penalized should they leave their car in the charging station spot beyond the time required to charge their vehicle.

Council voted five to one in favour of the proposal, with Smith the lone opposing vote.

The charging station will be installed in September or October.

Walt McKechnie to stand in as Dysart deputy mayor

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Long-time Dysart councillor Walt McKechnie will temporarily serve as the township's deputy mayor, stepping into the role until the end of the year to cover a medical leave of absence for incumbent Pat Kennedy.

Dysart council handled the issue in a closed session on Tuesday, July 27. All that was made public was that Kennedy had made a request for a medical leave,

with no details released surrounding his condition.

McKechnie, the councillor for Ward 5, was the first to signal an interest in taking the role on temporarily, after Mayor Andrea Roberts asked for volunteers. Ward 4 Coun. John Smith would then register his interest.

In what Roberts described as an "awkward" situation, the remaining members of council – Larry Clarke, Nancy Wood-Roberts and Tammy Donaldson were forced to vote between the two. The trio voted unanimously to place McKechnie in

the role.

"I've been on council for three terms, have a very good rapport with all department heads and show a lot of care for the whole community," McKechnie said. "People know... I will speak for them."

As interim deputy mayor, McKechnie will also have a seat on Haliburton County council. Wood-Roberts will take Kennedy's spot on Dysart's personnel and administration committee.

Kennedy's leave will run until Dec. 31.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Still much to be done

IT WAS MUSIC to my ears, and likely many, many others this past Tuesday when a local developer outlined plans to erect a brand new, 21-unit apartment complex in downtown Haliburton.

The development, brought forth by Richard Carson and his company Hot Pond Enterprises Corp., is expected to break ground this fall, with completion of phase one slated for early 2023. For anyone that has any sort of experience or background wading through bureaucratic red tape, that's an incredibly short and ambitious turnaround for a proposal of this magnitude. While undoubtedly in the works for a while, this week was the first time the public has heard word of the proposal. That the project is essentially already signed, sealed and delivered is a testament to the work carried out behind the scenes at town hall, and a credit to our local council.

Make no mistake about it, housing, or distinct lack thereof, is a major, major problem in Haliburton. The vacancy rate for rentals at any given time of the year is practically zero, and it has been that way for a while now.

It's gotten to such a point that there are families living out of different motels in the area, simply because they're not able to find a home to rent.

Mayor Andrea Roberts made note of this during Tuesday's meeting – highlighting a social media post that has gone viral locally, featuring a woman and her daughter who have spent months trying to find accommodation in the area. Another family, displaced earlier this summer after a devastating fire destroyed their home, are also in limbo.

Then there's the fact that our local hospital recently lost a couple of

nurses because even they couldn't find somewhere to rent. That just goes to show that this isn't an affordability problem, it's a complete and utter lack of supply.

So, how do we fix the issue? There's only one way to do it – to build. This 21-unit complex likely won't even scratch the surface of the issue. Roberts correctly surmised that this development, once completed, would likely attract hundreds of applicants from locals interested in residing there.

The bottom line is we need more people like Mr. Carson who are willing to invest their money into the community to develop much-needed housing.

There are irons in the fire, so to speak. Places for People is making progress with a development on Wallings Road. There are other areas throughout town, and indeed the county, that, on the face of it, could be a fit for multi-unit development.

This area has seen substantial growth since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic 17 long months ago.

Now that we have more people here, businesses are growing, services are expanding. The people that are coming in and doing these jobs need places to stay. I speak from experience when I say it is not easy finding somewhere to live in Haliburton as a newcomer. In the end, I was forced to move outside of the community.

For all that this town and this community offers, we are falling desperately short right now on, arguably, the most important facet – and that's suitable accommodation.

This new development is a good start. Both Mr. Carson and council deserve credit for pushing it through. But there's still much work to be done.



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Editorial



Sunset cruise

by Darren Lum

The sound of rain

I JUST LOVE it when I wake up, it's raining and I have nowhere I have to go. I can stay in bed, snuggle in and relax and just listen to the rain as if falls on the roof, on the trees and on our deck.

My absolute favourite is when this happens when I am camping and am in my tent (and I'm dry!)

I find it very calming, soothing and relaxing to listen to the rain. It becomes a meditation for me. I just listen. With my whole body.

This is something the practice of meditation has taught me. I listen to the sounds in the distance and close by. Meditation practice teaches us not to judge, evaluate or create stories about the sound. Our ears become like sophisticated radar beams and we listen. When our minds wander we notice and congratulate ourselves for catching the wandering, and we come back to the listening.

Sometimes I imagine my whole body as one big ear. Every cell listening.

No matter where we are in life, there is always sound around us. In the woods, by the lake, in the grocery store, on the street, in a restaurant and in our homes. What I really love about the practice of listening is that the busyness of the world stops and I'm just in that moment enjoying being quiet and still and alert.

In bodywork they say that the quiet and stillness helps to settle the nervous system and invite a sense of overall calm and ease for the body. We all need periods of quiet and stillness to "reset" our

system. It's kind of like unplugging the computer to reboot. We unplug ourselves from our busy daily lives and in this instant we are just listening. We give the mind something to focus on, because the mind loves that. Instead of worrying, doubting, fearing, anticipating, we are just listening.

Being a good listener is very beneficial for our everyday lives. I recently heard a podcast on CBC called Inappropriate Questions. The show was exploring what it was like for people with chronic illness and ways that they want to be supported. The ideas discussed included the importance of having someone who just listens and doesn't offer advice, cures or suggestions. Having a good listener is so helpful.

One man suggested that we spend two or three years learning how to talk, and then 80 or so years learning how to listen.

The practices of yoga, meditation and qigong are really about practicing being present by listening, sensing, feeling, observing and responding. We practice on the mat and then we take the skills learned into our daily interactions with our family members, friends, co-workers and people we have challenging relationships with.

So I am always grateful for a quiet rainy morning, or a quiet rainy afternoon when I am off and can take a nap, so that I can enjoy listening to the rain. It's good practice and sometimes it is the best thing we can do for ourselves.

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Photographs and memories

ITRULY BELIEVE that if historians of the future ever find themselves examining one of our digital photos and want to determine how old the person in it was at the time, all they will have to do is look at the other photos taken that day.

I suspect the process would go something like this.

"Here's an interesting photo of a man going canoeing in 2021," a rookie researcher would say.

"Any thoughts on when the person was born?" their mentor might ask.

"I can't tell just from the photo," the young researcher would reply.

"Sure, you can. How many other photos are there of the person on that day?" the historian would query.

"Oh, 627. And that's just of them untying the canoe," she'd answer.

"Does the canoe look used? Is the person's head cut off in the photo?"

"The canoe looks new, photogenic and expensive," she'd answer. "The photo is carefully composed and flattering."

"That tells us the person was definitely under 45 at the time," the older fellow would confirm.

"Hey, maybe this helps. I just found a further 126 enhanced portraits of a beautiful hand-crafted paddle, 43 of the canoe's glistening gunnels, 5,905 selfies of the person in various stages of canoeing, and 4,349 of an exquisite lunch presentation at an obviously pre-scouted location. Plus 643 of the snacks."

"Are Clif Bars, sparkling bottled water, craft beer, a Traeger, artisanal cheeses, a charcuterie board or sour-dough bread in any of the photos?"

"In all of them," the researcher would say.

"The subject is between 36 and 44-and-a-half."

"They also have unintentionally, culturally-inappropriate tattoos."

"Make that between 43 and 44-and-a-half."

This is not a knock on anyone, by the way. I think it is great that we are able to take so many photos now. That's certainly not the way it was when I was growing up, however.

In fact, I believe I have less than 30 photos of myself and my siblings prior to the age of digital cameras. Don't get me wrong; we took probably in excess of 50,000 photos, but 30 or so are all that turned out. And 22 of those have the main subject of the photo cut-off in one way or another.

These days, people seem to spend just as much time taking photos of their life as they do actually living it. And, because of the convenient and excellent cameras most of us have as well as the hours and hours of practice we put in, we are living in the golden age of self-portraiture and photo-editing.

The problem with this is that people who look back at our era are going to feel bad because they will, quite naturally, think that we lived at a time when none of us had a bad side, and every place was scenic. They will also be led to believe that every minute of our lives was spent being successful, affluent, and trendy.

That's why I write the things I do. Just to show them it wasn't always that way.

I also think we have forgotten that sometimes less is more.

For instance, when I was a kid, the typical slideshow happened annually and lasted 30 minutes tops. I fear our great-grandkids might have to spend a full week each year being bored by uninteresting photos, however.

Three weeks, if they take photos of the experience.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Lakeview house, pictured in 1904. The front of the building was reconstructed in the 1960s by Grant Rae. The trees have grown a little bigger since, but you can still see Head Lake from the front door. /Courtesy of Doreen Rae

letters to the editor

"Eternally grateful" for saving my husband

To the Editor,

I would like to express my gratitude to the two paramedics and the two emergency workers who tended to my husband early in the morning on July 12, as well to the doctors, nurses and staff at the Haliburton hospital for their expertise and care given to him during the week to enable him to return home.

I also appreciate the follow-up calls and advice during the following week.

I will be eternally grateful. You saved my husband's life.

Thank you.

Pamela Rolfe
Haliburton



Annual fishing derby

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association Annual Rock Bass Fishing Derby. We had a record number of participants taking part this year with 20 teams entered and a total of 135 pounds of rock bass being caught by everyone! In the 13 and over category Rachel Cornish and Megan Neely won with a total catch of 21.15 lbs and in the 12 and under category Wyatt and Caroline Beeson won with a total catch of 26 pounds. A special thank you goes out to Joan Middleton who kindly took the entire catch to the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary in Minden to help feed the rescue animals there. /Submitted photo

Action Car and Truck Accessories opens up new business in Haliburton

GRACE OBORNE

Staff Reporter

Moxley Bros Enterprises is presenting vehicle owners services and products to cater to many of their automotive needs. They own and operate various automotive related businesses. Some include Krown Rust Protection and Action Car and Truck accessories.

As of June 1, a new facility that provides opportunity to accommodate both businesses has been open to the public. This location has been newly renovated and designed to provide their unique products and services.

Ross Coneybeare, manager of the new location, is promising a top-of-the-line experience for every customer who walks through the door.

"Krown Rust Control is the world's number one rust control product and we apply that to all kinds of new and used vehicles, fleet vehicles, heavy vehicles. More than that, the Action Car and Truck accessories provides accessories for cars and trucks, such as trailer hitches, truck caps, running boards, mudflaps, and floor mats," Coneybeare said.

In 1982, Bill and Bev Moxley started a rustproofing shop in downtown Lindsay. They offered car and truck accessories to customers. Then the business grew and Krown Rust Protection was formed. The Moxley brothers joined the family business and purchased the Action Car & Truck accessories franchise.

Coneybeare has been in the industry for 40 years. He has also known the Moxley brothers and their father for a long time. He is also familiar with Haliburton, having been a cottager in the community for 10 years. Coneybeare relocated to the



Ross Coneybeare, manager of Haliburton's new Action Car and Truck Accessories location, stands next to Krown product that is also offered. The store was purchased, renovated, and has been open to the public since June 1. /GRACE OBORNE Staff

Highlands full-time in 2017.

With Action Car & Truck accessories being new to Haliburton, there is a lot that needs to get done.

"We need to establish the new action franchise. It's a new business in town and a new concept in town. There's been nothing like it here before. We need to capitalize on the existing Krown customers and grow that business as well. We need to hire new staff, we need to train new staff

and build the business," noted Coneybeare.

"Right now there's just two of us. So it gets pretty busy. We have openings advertised all over the place. So we're just waiting for people to come and fill those openings," he added.

Since the opening, there has been a special summer promotion for the Krown Rust Control product which allows customers to receive a \$73 added value.

Coneybeare can't express enough the need to grow the business. Growth of the business in Haliburton will necessitate the physical expansion of the building. The operation is looking to be a 10 person job long-term.

For more information visit www.actiontrucks.com/, or call Coneybeare at 705-457-1033.



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Time: 8:00pm (gates open at 7:00)

Location: Abbey Gardens Little Pit Drive In.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

Drag Storytime

Time: 10:00am Location: Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Details at www.eventbrite.ca/e/storytime-with-drag-queen-aunt-plum-tickets-164339388535

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Minden Pride Trivia Night

Time: 7:00- 9:30pm

Location: The Dominion Boat House. Please preregister by noon that day at trivianight@mindenpride.ca

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Pride Bench Dedication

Time: 12:00pm Location: Minden River Walk.

Check out our video tribute to Sinclair Russell at www.mindenpride.ca

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

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(Rain date: Aug 29th). Time: 12:00 – 6:00pm

and Float Down the Gull with PRIDE!

Time: 1:00- 3:00pm

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Independent review of shoreline bylaw to conclude in October

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debating the merits of a bylaw, and what should be included.

Back in January, a draft bylaw was tabled outlining several key items designed to protect water quality, while also acknowledging private land owners' property rights. Perhaps the most controversial point was the inclusion of a 30-metre setback, essentially outlawing any and all development within 30-metres of any water body. The reason outlined for including the setback, county officials say, is to protect wildlife habitats and establish a natural, vegetative buffer that can help prevent potentially harmful substances from running into the water.

Concerns have also been raised over the county's plans to require any significant developments on lands affronting lakes to be put through a rigorous permit process.

On Thursday, Jason Ferrigan, a senior planner with JL Richards, said this was the first of two open houses planned as part of this independent review of a potential shoreline preservation bylaw.

He explained the role he and his team



The County of Haliburton held the first of two planned open houses on Thursday, July 29, giving local residents the opportunity to express their opinions over the municipality's proposed draft shoreline preservation bylaw. /Screenshot.

will play throughout this process, which he expects will conclude in October.

"In terms of our assignment, county council has tasked us with providing an

independent and objective review of the tremendous amount of work that went into creating the draft shoreline preservation bylaw... That consists of three dis-

tinct, yet interrelated streams of work," Ferrigan said. "First is a scientific literature review, second is then to go and look at successful practices elsewhere... Then talking to members of the public and stakeholders to understand their perspectives and views on the bylaw."

He estimates his team is around 40 per cent through the second portion of the work, and expects to be in a position to provide a report on preliminary findings to council in August.

To date, as part of their work, Hutchinson Environmental Sciences has consulted with six scientific experts in the realm of shoreline preservation, and reviewed 54 papers related to shorelines, according to Brent Parsons, a senior aquatic scientist with the firm.

"As part of our next step, [we] will review existing mechanisms in effect in the county... [and we are] currently researching approaches in other comparable municipalities. Through that research, we are going to summarize the legislative and planning mechanisms that are used, prohibitions, exemptions and effective-

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Adventure Haliburton launches new 'one stop shop' Driftscape app

GRACE OBORNE

Staff Reporter

Discovering the Haliburton Highlands just got easier.

On July 29, Adventure Haliburton

launched a modern-day guide to the Haliburton Highlands in partnership with the Driftscape app.

"The app provides users with a one-stop-shopping approach to tourism in our area. Unlike a Google search, where you need to know what you are looking

for, Driftscape shows you all the points of interest on the area of the map that you are looking at, sorted by category and with direct links to websites and directions" said Barbara Kraus, who is the Director on the Board of Adventure Haliburton Group.

Adventure Haliburton was founded in 2010 as a marketing cooperative and are now adapting to the mobile and digital way of life. The app "provides instant information on its members' offerings, places of business, and nearby attractions. The app is a modern-day guide to unique adventure experiences, free of advertising, offering a new way to explore the Haliburton Highlands," noted the app's press release.

"The next steps include inviting food & beverage businesses on board, as well as more adventure providers who are interested in marketing their unique experiences to anyone who downloads the Driftscape app," the press release added.

The app is free for the user to purchase from the app store. QR codes are being distributed across the County this week to access the downloading. The businesses that want their work to be represented on the app, pay a membership fee.

"Businesses that want to be represented on the app pay a membership fee to Adventure Haliburton so that we can pay for the cost of Driftscape and for developing content and social media marketing," noted Kraus.

This new initiative is important for the tourists and even locals of Haliburton County.

"Our County is so spread out, and it is sometimes difficult to find things close by. Driftscape will automatically show you any nearby accommodations, or other things to see and do," said Kraus.

Driftscape is a Canadian product and does not have any advertising on its app. This is simply because the ultimate goal of the app is to promote the features of the region. Adventure Haliburton is aiming to advance the visitor experience by offering interactive experiences.

"As Adventure Haliburton continues to integrate the various features offered by Driftscape, we aim to "gamify" the visitor experience. By that we mean offering playful interactions with the sights and scenes of our beautiful County without the need for a guide or special tools."

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Making movements matter

Amanda Rico of Harmony Yoga leads participants during a yoga practice on Wednesday, July 28 at the Rotary Park Bandshell at Head Lake Park. The by-donation event drew close to two dozen participants of all abilities, who moved to the direction of Rico. All proceeds will help Yoga Medicine Seva Foundation, which helps to end human trafficking and funds rescue missions, provide shelter, education and employment for women and children. More practices, which are suitable for all ages and abilities start at 7 p.m., and are scheduled for Aug. 11, 18, 25 at the Rotary Park Bandshell in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff



Yoga participants hold a position on Wednesday, July 28 at the Rotary Park Bandshell at Head Lake Park.



Amanda Rico of Harmony Yoga leads a yoga practice.



Yoga participant Michelle Bailey of Haliburton holds a position

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Canoe brings in \$54,000 through record-breaking Radiothon

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Staff Reporter

Haliburton's community radio station Canoe FM hit a new milestone with its 13th annual Radiothon, a major fundraiser that started in 2009.

From July 2 to 4, the station was overrun by listeners, who tuned in for auctions, raffles and music. This year, the Radiothon raised about \$54,000.

"Last year, we raised \$42,000, and I was blown away by that. This year, we never thought that we would get to \$54,000. There's little bits and pieces [that] keep dribbling in but it was just incredible," said station manager Roxanne Casey.

Canoe FM is a not-for-profit volunteer-driven radio station. The money raised from Radiothon is crucial to the budget of the station. The money goes towards operational costs of running the station such as phones, insurance, streaming, rent, office supplies, and computers.

"Most people here that run this radio station are volunteers, and there's no government funding, so we have to raise the money to keep the radio station going. We

have to raise the money to pay all the different bills that occur for having this kind of a business," noted Casey.

With COVID-19 standing in the way, Radiothon 2020 and 2021 has differed from previous years, making Radiothon quieter than usual. Generally, the station would host an all-out party with food, behind-the-scenes tours and live music.

"We had to decide if we were going to have a Radiothon or not, and we decided last year to go ahead and do it anyway. We just limited the number of people we had involved. This year, we did the same thing. We still limited the amount of people coming and going at one time," said Casey.

Despite the pandemic's efforts to interrupt the live, in-person feature of Radiothon, Casey expresses that there was still a lot of excitement to go around.

"We offer things every hour to auction off, and, people are calling in constantly to get in on things. There's a lot of excitement in the radio station as people are calling trying to get the item they want and you can feel that. When you're listening to the radio, you can actually feel that."

Separate from Radiothon, on July 6, Canoe FM hosted a Double Bingo as a way to give back to the community. Radio Bingo is a fundraiser of which the money that is

raised is split between Canoe FM and other not-for-profit organizations in the community. Canoe only uses their portion of the bingo money for broadcasting expenses such as tower rentals, repairs, SOCAN fees, and transmitter expenses.

Some of the organizations Canoe FM has recently shared funds with are Places for People, Haliburton Highlands Art Centre Foundation, and Friends of Ecological & Environmental Learning.

"When we started radio bingo, we had no idea that it would turn into be such a successful fundraiser for us and for other organizations as well," noted Casey.

"I think all the volunteers work really hard at making this radio station successful, and if we have a successful fundraiser, and we can share that money with other organizations, that's fabulous. It's just so nice to be able to do it. We all need money to run our organizations or to deal with the projects that we're working on, so if we can help, that's great" she added.

Casey reflects on the overwhelming support from Haliburton County and its community as well as the volunteers who spend their time running the station.

"We appreciate the support from the community. It just makes everyone, especially the volunteers feel really good when all those donations start to come in. Sometimes you think you're working in a vacuum, and you don't realize how you're impacting other people in the community, and so I think just shows us just how community radio is important," concluded Casey.



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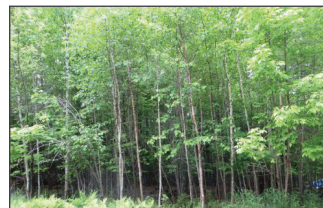
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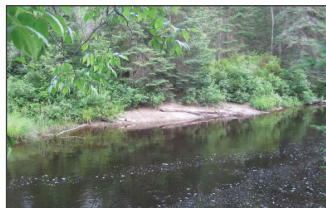
- Yr Rd, 3 Bdrm + Office, 3 Pc Bath, Laundry Hookup
- Wood Flrs, Custom Kit/Granite Top, Wood/Electric
- Heated Studio, Garage, Granite Stone Landscaping
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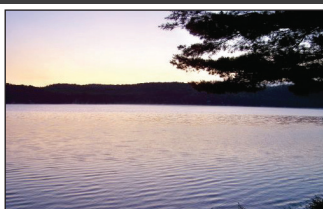
- Completely renovated home on 13 acres
- 1,400 Sq Ft, 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms
- Private 13+ acre parcel, ideal for hobby farm
- Insulated & heated workshop plus barn w loft



Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
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Long Lake

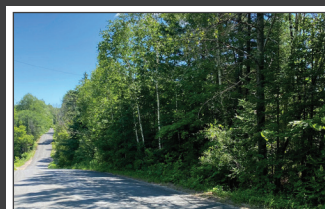
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- Barn for workshop/studio



Kelly Kay
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Minnicock Lake Rd \$144,900

- 10 acres, nicely treed on year round road.
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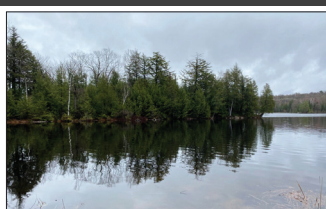
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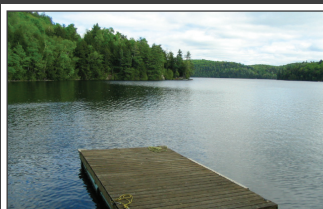
- 1800+ sf home, main flr living
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BIA in the Village: Banners, Sculptures and Step 3

Summer is here and the downtown is buzzing with an excitement in the air! Haliburton Village is brimming with baskets of flowers, banners along the main street, tourists and most importantly, a sense of optimism.

It's been a long spring and many of the downtown merchants have been closed for a number of months. We are happy to see their doors reopen and your support for them return.

During the past few months the BIA has been working hard behind the scenes to beautify the village and bring banners to the downtown core. These banners were created with artwork submitted by five local artists. More information about the artists can be found in a brochure highlighting the downtown art and sculpture exhibit. The brochures are located at various downtown businesses and the

Welcome Centre in Head Lake Park.

The downtown sculpture exhibit has now officially been installed and the artwork is located at six different sites. A map of the sculptures and information about them is included as part of the banner brochure. The exhibit is a partnership between the BIA and the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.

Ontario is now in Step 3 of its reopening plan, meaning downtown businesses are able to welcome you in person, with COVID-19 protocols in place. Our retailers are happy to be able to serve you and our restaurants are welcoming you to dine inside or on a patio. And let's not forget, hairdressers are working hard to catch up

on months of overdue haircuts! Please be patient with everyone as they adjust to the new reality and strive to offer you the best service they can.

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The Village

Thank you to all who participated in the BIA Canada Day decorating contest. The winners were: 1) Hudson Henderson Insurance, 2) Maple Ave. Tap & Grill and 3) The Haliburton County Echo. Each business won a gift certificate to a BIA restaurant or salon/barber of their choice. Hudson Henderson Insurance generously matched their prize and donated two gift certificates to SIRCH Community Services and the 4Cs, to be distributed to local clients.

Keep your eyes and ears open to hear details about more promotions and possibly events in the next couple of months.

Hopefully you have had a chance to check out the Haliburton County Farmers Market on Tuesdays in Head Lake Park. The market features local produce, specialty food items and much more from noon until 4 p.m. There is always something delicious available at the market. Follow them on Instagram for more info.

Until next time, stay safe, stay active and stay cool.

The banners along Highland St., Maple Ave. and York St. were created by five local artists to represent the Haliburton Highlands. There are also banners showcasing Not-For-Profit organizations located throughout the village. The banners are an annual initiative of the Haliburton Business Improvement Area (BIA) in partnership with the Municipality of Dysart.



Municipality of Dysart et al

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 24th, 2021
- TIME: 9:05 am
- LOCATION: TAKE NOTICE THAT THE PUBLIC MEETING FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AS AN ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING ONLY

Application:

Lands of Kent

- Purpose and Effect: The application will rezone the lands from Waterfront Residential Type 2 (WR2) Zone to Waterfront Residential Type 2 - XX (WR2-XX) exception Zone in order to permit the use of an inclined elevator; and to permit a structure (inclined elevator) within the minimum water setback from the lake.
- Location: 1035 Ross Road, and legally known as Plan Pt Lot 28, Con 3, Lot 17 Plan 462, in the Geographic Township of Guilford, Municipality of Dysart et al.

Lands of McGreevy

- Purpose and Effect: The application will rezone the lands from Urban Residential Type 1 (R1) Zone to Urban Residential Type 1-XX (R1-XX) Exception Zone in order to permit a Secondary Dwelling Unit on the subject property.
- Location: 140 Maple Avenue, and legally known as Plan 1 BLK B PT Lots 6 & 12 Con 8 PT Lot 17, RP 19R6486 Part 1, in the Geographic Township of Dysart, Municipality of Dysart et al.

There will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Municipal Clerk at mbishop@dysartetal.ca.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: about this application, including a copy of the draft by-law, is available by contacting Kris Orsan, Senior at korsan@dysartetal.ca.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL RIGHTS: Contact the Planning and Land Information Department during regular office hours, Monday to Friday.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 3rd day of August, 2021.

Kris Orsan, CPT, Senior Planner
Planning and Land Information
Municipality of Dysart et al
135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0
Phone: 705-457-1740 ext. 626
E-mail: korsan@dysartetal.ca

Household Hazardous Waste Day



Saturday, August 14, 2021

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Harcourt Landfill, 1123 Packard Road, Harcourt

Valid Dysart landfill identification user cards must be shown at the gate.

To comply with COVID-19 safety protocols, you are not permitted to exit your vehicle at the hazardous waste drop off location. Please wear a face mask. Event staff will unload your hazardous waste for you.



Aerosol cans, solvents (varsol, paint thinners, etc.)
Automotive fluids
Auto batteries
Cleaners (bleach, oven cleaner, etc.)
Finishing products (varnish, glue, etc.)

Fluorescent and CFL light bulbs
Gasoline (containers NOT returned)
Household batteries
Paint (latex and oil)
Pesticides, herbicides, insecticides

Propane cylinders
Propane tanks
Pool chemicals
Motor oil (must be capped)

Not accepted

• Needles, Syringes, Lancets (Sharps) • PCBs • Radioactives • Pathological waste
Due to provincial regulations, these events are for **Dysart residents only**. Hazardous waste is **NOT accepted from businesses and organizations**, including builders, camps, charities, contractors, painting companies, places of worship, restaurants, retailers, schools, etc. Businesses and organizations need to arrange private haulage and processing of hazardous waste.

Dysart's upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Days

Saturday, September 18, 2021 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at West Guilford Landfill

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Jake is pictured at the World Junior Curling Championships in Switzerland in 2010, following his 7-1 win over China to win bronze. /Submitted Photo

The Highlands' most-decorated curler finds fulfillment in family

GRACE OBORNE

Staff Reporter

Long after his competitive curling years, skip, Jake Walker still possesses a profound love for the sport. He can still recall his memorable years as a young adult travelling and competing in the sport where he found joy.

The Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame is recognizing Jake Walker and all of his successes. Jake grew up in the Highlands and began his curling career in the community. His grandfather curled and was the catalyst in the very beginning. His grandfather was very involved in the curling community in Haliburton. At a young age, Jake was associated with the Minden Curling Club Junior Program.

Though Jake tried many other sports when he attended Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, he ultimately found himself on the curling team. "I played basketball, badminton, rugby, and even soccer. I also did track and field. I did basically every sport that I could manage to play, but I just always enjoyed curling more," noted Jake.

"Jake tried to play hockey for, I believe one year, but it was curling that he really enjoyed," said his mother, Nancy Walker.

Jake has been Haliburton County's most accomplished curler for many years. He has won provincial championships at Bantam boys' and Junior boys' levels and the Gore Provincial Championships at the high school level. In university, Jake won back-to-back OUA (Ontario University Athletics) titles in 2012 and 2013. He also won silver at the CIS (Canadian Interuniversity Sport) Championships in 2012, but would return to capture the national title in 2013. In 2010, Jake skipped the Canadian Junior Curling Championship team and won the Bronze medal at the World Championships.

"You can't even explain the feeling of pride as a mother. It is actually a very anxious feeling watching as a parent as well, because you walk in there, and you're sitting there on the edge of your seat. It's just an amazing feeling. It was just very surreal too because each age group that he got to he basically won, so for a mother, it was [a] pretty amazing feeling," said Nancy.

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Jake tried to play hockey for, I believe one year, but it was curling that he really enjoyed.

— Nancy Walker

"The people who are running those junior programs, we have to praise them because they are giving the kids the confidence and the skill to learn the game. Also, they allowed these young [kids] to actually play on the men's team. Then they're learning more about the game and how it should be played. They were willing to embrace these young kids, which was really, really nice," she added.

Jake's former teammate, Edward Cyr, who played third, reflects on their times playing alongside each other.

"Jake's been under some high pressure situations in his curling career, and he seems like the guy that doesn't feel pressure, or that it doesn't affect him. So that's certainly one of his winning traits. Give him a shot to win and he'll make it," he noted.

"Our dynamic on the team was infallible. We always knew what to say to each other for the stressful situations. I was also kind of the bridge between the front-end and him. We would have discussions over strategy or ice conditions, and there were so many inside jokes and just memories together from curling. It was just so easy for us to get along on the ice and just always fun. It's always a joy curling with Jake," added Edward.

Edward's father, and former teammate of Jake's, Ed Cyr, also commented on the type of person Jake was and how that impacted his performance as a curler.

"I think he had a wonderful personality, I think that probably makes those people good at what they do. He was very dedicated and very focused. He loved curling, he loved the sport. I think he just

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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

DATE: Wednesday, August 11th 2021
TIME: 11:00 am.
LOCATION: The Committee of Adjustment will be held as an electronic meeting only. The meeting will be recorded through the conferencing application and live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

- D13-MV-2020-013 DeVries
 - The following variances are requested to legalize the location of an existing deck, convert the second storey of an accessory building to be a private cabin, increase the height of a dwelling and to permit the construction of an addition onto one of the dwellings on a property in the WR4L zone:
 - A variance to Section 3.1(d)(iii) to permit the gross floor area of a private cabin to be 58.53 square metres (630 square feet), which exceeds the permitted gross floor area of 45 square metres (484 square feet);
 - A variance to Section 3.1(e)(ii) to permit the gross floor area of a second storey of an accessory building to be 58.53 square metres (630 square feet), which exceeds the permitted gross floor area of 45 square metres (484 square feet);
 - A decrease in provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a dwelling to have a minimum water setback of 7.9 metres (26 feet) as opposed to the legal non-complying water setback of 10 metres (33 feet).
 - A variance to Section 3.7(a) to permit a deck attached to a main building to extend 3.7 metres (12 feet), as opposed to the permitted 3 metres (9.84 feet);
 - A variance to Section 3.19(a)(v) to permit an increase to the area of encroachment of an attached deck within 10 metres of the high water mark of 12.6 square metre (135 square feet) as opposed to the required 0 metres (0 feet).
 - A variance to Section 3.19(a)(v) to permit an increase to the area of encroachment of a main dwelling within 10 metres of the high water mark of 3.3 square metres (35 square feet) as opposed to the required 0 metres (0 feet).
 - A variance to Section 3.19(a)(x) to permit an increase to the gross floor area of a dwelling, where there are two dwellings on the lot, and only one is permitted, of 336 square feet (31.2 square metres) as opposed to the required 0 metres (0 feet).
 - A variance to Section 3.19 (a)(v) to permit an increase to the structure height of a main dwelling within 10 metres of the high water mark of 0.92 metres (3 feet), as opposed to the required 0 metres (0 feet).
 - A variance to Section 3.19 (a)(x) to permit an increase to the structure height of a dwelling, where there are two dwellings on the lot, and only one is permitted, of 0.92 metres (3 feet) as opposed to the required 0 metres (0 feet).
 - Location: Part Lots 3 & 4, Concession 1 in the geographic Township of Harcourt, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (1121 Rest-A-While Drive).
- D13-MV-2021-022 Figueira & Scheuchzer
 - The following variances are requested to construct a single family dwelling with a decreased street setback and increased lot coverage on a lot located in the Urban Residential Type 1 (R1) zone.
 - An increase to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a lot in the Urban Residential Type 1 (R1) zone to have a maximum lot coverage of 21% as opposed to the required maximum of 15%.
 - A decrease to the provisions of Section 3.30 to permit a dwelling to have a minimum street setback from Sunnyside Street of 13 metres (42.65 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 17.5 metres (57.4 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 17, Concession 8, Lot 6, Block Z, Plan 1 in the geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Sunnyside Street).

Council passed By-law 2020-69 to amends the Committee of Adjustment of the Municipality of Dysart et al's Procedural By-law to permit electronic participation in meetings. **There will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.**

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Deputy Secretary-Treasurer at dhicks@dysartetal.ca.

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by an agent for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept oral and written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Secret clique
- 6. Earliest in and out
- 10. Ancient Egyptian symbol of life
- 14. Olfactory property
- 15. Kidnapping
- 17. Golf prize
- 19. Helps little firms
- 20. Cast a spell on
- 21. Panama is one
- 22. Dishonorable man
- 23. Sea eagle
- 24. Part of the healing process
- 26. Vin's last name
- 29. Wings
- 31. Made older
- 32. Political device
- 34. Looks like a rabbit
- 35. Gurus
- 37. Philippine Island
- 38. Not or
- 39. Hindu model of ideal man
- 40. Exam
- 41. Making less difficult
- 43. Without
- 45. Dravidian ethnic group
- 46. A baglike structure
- 47. Buenos Aires capital La __
- 49. Dab
- 50. Singers who perform together
- 53. Pirates' saying
- 57. OK to allude to
- 58. Somaliland diplomat
- 59. Has to pay back
- 60. Felix is one
- 61. Intestinal pouches

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Harsh cries of a crow
- 2. Type of horse
- 3. __ fide: authentic
- 4. Doctors' group
- 5. Fugitives are on it

- 6. Forged
- 7. Wild goat
- 8. Influential American president
- 9. Calls for help
- 10. Repents
- 11. Palm tree with creeping roots
- 12. Black powder used in makeup
- 13. Happy New Year
- 16. Stretched out one's neck
- 18. Whale ship captain
- 22. Atomic #20
- 23. Border
- 24. River that borders India and Nepal
- 25. After B
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Where researchers work
- 29. Expression of satisfaction
- 30. Broadway actor Nathan
- 31. Heavy, heat-retaining stove
- 33. A way to eliminate
- 35. Type of tree resin
- 36. Russian river
- 37. Children's TV network
- 39. Troublemaker
- 42. Averts or delays
- 43. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 44. It cools your home
- 46. Satisfy to the fullest
- 47. Stinks!
- 48. Popular board game
- 49. Attack by hurling
- 50. A vale
- 51. Type of acid
- 52. Tasmania's highest mountain
- 53. No seats available
- 54. Licensed for Wall Street
- 55. Family of genes
- 56. Constrictor snake

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Walker focusing on the next generation, plans to introduce his kids to curling

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curling, he loved the sport. I think he just loved being together with friends and enjoying himself.”

Asides from skip, Walker also played other positions and takes his main role seriously.

“I [have] played every position in my career to date. I can play all four positions, but I prefer playing skip the most because it’s the one that I resonate with, and I tend to perform the best in skip position. Being skip is a very hard position to do. It involves a lot of thinking,” he noted.

“It’s my job to always think two or three steps ahead. I need to read the ice as well. I need to read the rocks. I need to read the other team. I have to read my teammates. If my teammates are having a bad day, I have to know that and adapt to it,” Walker added.

Walker still continues to play recreationally but stopped his competitive motives as his priorities began to change.

“The thing that inspired me back then, was to be the best that I could be at my sport. There were always opportunities to be better, I was always motivated to be better,” said Walker.

“At my age now, my drive is more family oriented. That’s why I’m not competing at that competitive level anymore. Just because I have my priorities. It’s

very hard, to compete, and to get to that Olympic trials level because you need to be traveling everywhere. It’s a huge time commitment that I’m not willing to do because that means a lot of time away from my family. My kids are 2 and 10 months old, and I’d like to spend as much time as I can with them,” he added.

On top of wanting to spend the most time possible with his wife and kids, Walker is also busy with his day-to-day occupation. Currently, Walker manages a product at an artificial intelligence company in Waterloo after attending Waterloo University for an undergrad degree in electrical engineering.

“We basically teach machines how to think like humans. It’s takes a lot of time. So at this point that is what I do. I work doing that, and then on my off time I spend it with my family.”

While family is Walker’s number one focus, he often thinks about introducing the world of curling to his kids so that they can, one day, find a love for the sport the way he did.

“I want to get my kids into curling, when they’re older. For sure. I want them to have as much opportunity to find the thing that works for them. If it’s curling, great, if it’s another sport, fantastic. I just want them to have the opportunity to know and learn it themselves,” Walker concluded.



Municipality of Highlands East

Notice of Proposed Sale of Municipal Land

Take notice that the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East intends to pass a by-law to dispose of certain land that has been declared as surplus described in Schedule “A” hereto;

And further notice that the purpose and effect of the proposed by-law is to authorize the sale of the said lands to Wayne Quibell;

And further notice that any person wishing to comment on the proposed sale should submit such comments in writing to the Municipal Clerk at the address set out below on or before the 13th day of August, 2021.

And further take notice that the proposed by-law will come before the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East, at its regular meeting on the 24th day of August, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Dated at Wilberforce and published this 27th day of July, 2021.

Robyn Rogers, Municipal Clerk
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Schedule “A”

Part 8, Plan 19R-6102 in Part Lot 1, Concession 22, Geographic Township of Cardiff, in the Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton



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Running down support to help with cure

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Set against the rugged backdrop of the Haliburton Forest, part-time Highlands resident Kimberly Biback will be running with a heavy heart, full of drive and a commitment to help a young boy with an ultra-rare neurodegenerative disease at this year's Haliburton Forest Trail Race in September.

Biback is looking to run more than a dozen hours to cover 50 miles to raise money for toddler Michael Privolakis, who has hereditary spastic paraplegia type 50, or SPG50. The disease slowly and progressively takes away physical and cognitive abilities. Included among 61 people in the world with the disease, Michael is a rare case among rare cases, being the only child in Canada with it.

His parents have been working towards funding gene therapy that could potentially cure or stop the progression of the disease, which is similar to Cerebral Palsy, but is progressive. Their efforts are not for just their son, but for all children affected. Part of their effort included starting the registered charity, CureSPG50 (www.curespg50.org). Clinical trials are expected this October, but they need support.

Biback said as a parent this hit home for her and she felt compelled to help when she learned of Michael's story in the news close to two years ago. She couldn't imagine the helpless feeling, if her son had this disease.

"Here you are and you have a child they look like they have a bright future and all of sudden they have this real life-threatening situation. What can you do about it if the rest of the world doesn't really know what it is, right?" she said. "So, developing treatment therapies and research to help many kids."

Michael's parents have worked hard to raise funds for their son. In the past two years they've raised \$3.2 million. By the end of the year, the charity is expecting to help upwards of 10 children. Biback said the family's fundraised total is impressive, but there is still a long way to go.

"It's a huge benefit to parents who wouldn't know what direction to take," she said.

The mother of a seven-year-old boy said she is also being joined on the 50 mile race by non-runner Pam Rodrigues, who has already raised \$1,000. The two know each other from participating in SEALFIT, which is an integrated functional fitness and mental toughness training program.

Biback, who ran in the Forest race as a new runner once before in 2017, believes in this community's long-standing generosity to come through and support her efforts to help.

The pandemic has hampered efforts to help people like Michael, but it hasn't diminished the passion to help.

When the pandemic hit, public gatherings were restricted and caused the cancellation of an entire year of fundraising events and also temporarily paused research efforts. She said it was right after a successful fundraising event she held for Michael that everything was shut-down.

"We thought it would be two months, three months max. Now we're looking at almost two years. The only thing running in Ontario was the Haliburton Forest Trail



Part-time Highlands resident Kimberly Biback is looking for support in her fundraising effort to help a young boy with an ultra-rare neurodegenerative disease. As part of her effort, Biback will be running 50 miles at this year's Haliburton Forest Trail Race in September. Donate to her run through her at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/kimberly-biback-80km-ultramarathon-to-save-michael/>. /DARREN LUM Staff

Race," she said. "Part of it was the concept that without this cure kids like Michael will eventually lose their ability to walk, so being able to run in mind of him potentially losing his ability to walk, which is imminent, it's kind of relative to the cause. I thought it would be something meaningful for people looking for something to sponsor. The fact that the Haliburton Forest run isn't attached to any charity, but they allow you to bring your cause to the race. They've offered to post it on their website and allow it into their groups to ask for support and raise awareness or invite people to sponsor, even run for it. It shows a connection there."

On Nov. 18, CURESPG50 announced the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) awarded the Rare Paediatric Disease Designation (RPDD) to Melpida an investigation treatment for SPG50. Melpida, comprises two words, Michael and the Greek word for hope, "Elpida."

"The fact that other people want to run it. The fact that more people can be involved. The fact that we can do more together as a community, both locally where the boy is from and all out here, so you're never going to raise the types of funds by doing the five-kilometre, or the 10-kilometre, as an individual, but if you're going the

distance then you're really showing the commitment to the cause," she said.

Biback has a \$20,000 goal related to her run.

Locally, in addition to the Forest's support with allowing Biback to attach her charity to the event, there has been support by McFadden's Meat Market based in Haliburton, who has helped raise awareness and told her they would donate. Sponsorship, financial and in-kind support have been made already through previous events by Sharp Transportation Systems Inc., and Northern Karate Schools.

Donate to her run through her at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/kimberly-biback-80km-ultramarathon-to-save-michael/>.

The Forest race is scheduled from Sept. 11 to 12 and is completely sold out.

It is in its 28th year and includes distances of 12 kilometres, 26 kilometres, 50 kilometres, the 50 miler, and the signature event, the Haliburton Forest 100 Miler.

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ness of policies, as well as document details such as specific setback distances, buffer sizes, minimum frontages and minimum lot sizes," Parsons said.

Ferrigan noted that, in his research thus far, he has identified that Haliburton County has 951 different bodies of water – including lakes, rivers, streams and ponds. Of those, 64 per cent are considered cold bodies of water, 4 per cent are cool bodies of water and 32 per cent are warm bodies of water.

He pointed out too that there was a pretty even split in ownership of land that immediately fronts onto those bodies of water, with 51 per cent owned privately, and 49 per cent considered crown land.

As a part of their review, Ferrigan and his team discussed the draft shoreline preservation bylaw with more than 20 stakeholders prior to Thursday's meeting, with most of those discussions being quite fruitful.

"It's very clear to us that all stakeholders, regardless of perspectives, value the lakes in Haliburton. It's also safe to say from the conversations we've had that stakeholders also support the idea of healthy lakes," Ferrigan said. "I don't think anyone wants to see water quality deteriorate on the lakes. People understand the lakes are important and want to see them be successful and sustainable

in the future."

Bill Missen, a director with the Maple Lake and Cameron Lake property owners association, said he sees the need for a document to properly protect natural shorelines in the Highlands, but finds the proposal brought forth by the county earlier this year "very prescriptive."

"I have three main issues – [first], the 30-metre rule. We were one of the lakes involved with the 'Love Your Lake' program, and we have to question how things have gone from a three-metre ribbon of life [for shoreline] to now, 30 metres. I find it overly excessive – looking at the science that supports 30-metres, that's good, but we're not sure what's wrong with the science that also supports a shorter ribbon of life," Missen said. "My second point is enforcement – it's a large county, with 951 bodies of water... What's the cost going to be [to police this] properly?"

In his third point, Missen said that he takes exception to this bylaw infringing upon ownership rights.

"Some lakefront property owners feel threatened by this bylaw. They shouldn't feel threatened by anything, but least of all from our government," Missen said. "Owners are feeling they're totally losing control of their property, particularly if the 30-metre setback is introduced."

Dave Love, a lifelong cottager on Haliburton Lake,

said he didn't understand the need for any additional protection or legislation, bringing forward data that, he suggests, shows Haliburton's lakes are doing just fine.

"From what I have learned, the main objective here is to achieve shorelines classified as 75 per cent naturalized or regenerated, and by doing so that will help maintain high water quality, prevent algae blooms and prevent the risk of eroding shorelines and flooding," Love said. "Proposing this bylaw... suggests to me that Haliburton's lakes and shorelines are in such a state of deterioration as to require urgent government attention to save them from serious harm. I have searched for evidence of [this], but have been unable to find any."

Love pointed to a 2019 lake health report published by the Haliburton Property Owners Association, which states the shorelines of the community's 60 largest lakes was already trending towards 75 per cent naturalized condition.

He also pointed to the fact that three lakes in Algonquin Park, which are 100 per cent natural with no disturbed shoreline, were closed back in 2015, 2016 and 2017 due to algae blooms being found in the water.

"Water quality is measured by several parameters, and according to that lake health report, 60 of Haliburton's largest lakes met or exceeded those parameters in five of the six categories," Love concluded.

Susan Hay, herself a lakefront property owner, says she fully endorses the development of a shoreline preservation bylaw. A member of Environment Haliburton, Hay pointed to her own personal experiences over the past 18 months when discussing why a bylaw is necessary.

"In November 2020, ten lakes in Haliburton had confirmed blue-green algae blooms, and one of them was on a lake where I reside... We had a lake-based water system. We were advised not to use our water for any reasons – we had to buy water for cooking, washing dishes and even bathing," Hay said. "I share this story because I fear people don't understand how awful it is to have this happen. The lake I live on is small, but busy. Annual phosphorous samples were always below the allowable level. We thought we were safe from the threat of blue-green algae, but we weren't."

She believes climate change is having an impact on the quality of area lakes, and that preserving natural shorelines is the number one way to help offset those effects.

Mike Thorne, lake steward for Gull Lake, said he had communicated with 218 members of his association prior to Thursday's meeting, which accounts for around 50 per cent of property owners on the lake. When he asked his members to place a level of importance for maintaining natural shorelines, he said 94 per cent said it was of paramount importance.

Deb Wratschko, president of the Kennis Lake Cottage Owners' Association, said she wasn't in attendance on Thursday to support or debunk the bylaw, but simply to convey the opinions of the over 600 members of her association.

"Maintaining healthy lakes and good water quality is a priority – there are only a few things we as individuals and a community can do to substantively protect water quality. One, to maintain and regularly inspect our septic systems to ensure they're functioning properly. Two, protect existing shoreline vegetation to act as a buffer for nutrients and siltation entering our lakes. And third, eliminate the use of fertilizers on shoreline properties," Wratschko said.

Russ Wunker has lived on Miner's Bay for 75 years, and owns Miner's Bay Lodge. He said that, if county council were truly serious about maintaining water quality, they would target a specific group of the population that are quite prevalent for several months of the year.

"Why not proper monitoring of ice fishing? Most ice fishermen are not local, and sometimes there can be up to 100 huts on a single lake, with no [portable toilets] in view," Wunker said. "There's certainly lots of filth, garbage and debris left on the ice that drifts ashore in the spring. Where is the concern and regulation about this pollution to our lakes?"

In total, there were 21 speakers to address council and the host firms on Thursday. Ferrigan said he was "very impressed" by the level of knowledge people brought to the table.

He said that, for next steps, his team will be taking the feedback shared, reflect on it and, together with the environmental research carried out by Hutchinson Environmental Sciences, use it to compile a report it plans to present to county council in August.

Following that meeting, a second open house will be organized, likely for September, to gather additional thoughts, before a final report is presented to council in October.

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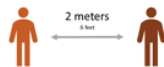
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INSIDE THE ECHO



Everyone loves a parade and the people lining the streets of Haliburton last Wednesday night during the Rotary Carnival were no exception. For more details on this summer ritual, see page 9



The School of Fine Arts had a smash hit on its hands last week when John and Debra Phillips arrived to teach willow furniture making. For details, please see page 18



Krista Mitchell and Philip Johnston have a lot of talking to do—she's just about to go to Germany as the Rotary Exchange student and he's just returned from Finland. The profiles start page 20



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School board trustee figures won't change

by JAY KERR-WILSON
Staff Reporter

The number of trustees serving on the Haliburton Board of Education will not change despite the new formula used in the calculation of representation.

The new law, introduced by the Ontario Ministry of Education, is designed to re-calculate the number of trustees sitting on each board according to the permanent population of the area the board serves. Prior to Bill C-125 the number of trustees was based on assessment of property.

There are 14 trustees, plus one representing the separate school, presently sitting on the Haliburton Board of Education. Under the new bill, Haliburton's population of 11,945 puts the base number of trustees at 12. The board had the option to increase or decrease that base number by one or two trustees and

last Thursday they voted to add two to the base number, which, in effect, means the number of trustees will remain unchanged under the new system.

There were two reasons why the board decided to leave the number of trustees unchanged according to Director of Education, Stuart Baker.

If the number of trustees were reduced, more of the smaller municipalities would have to share trustees. At present only Bicroft and Cardiff have to share a trustee, and if the number of trustees were reduced, more townships would have to share. Baker says the board wants to maintain as much one-to-one representation as possible.

If the number of trustees were reduced it would also increase the work load generated by committees and fewer members would have to spend more hours to do the same amount of work. Baker says the work load has increased as it is over

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Lack of air conditioning slows Haliburton Hospital expansion

by JAY KERR-WILSON
Staff Reporter

Construction on the addition to the Haliburton Hospital won't begin at least until next spring because the Ministry of Health is demanding the installation of central air conditioning.

It's going to take three months to re-draw the working drawings of the addition to allow for necessary duct work needed for central air. Originally it was hoped to go to tender in September.

Leo Doiron, executive director of St. Joseph's Hospital, said the hospital had submitted the drawings to the Ministry and were in the process of answering detailed questions

about the plans when they were informed that the new addition had to be equipped with the air conditioning.

Central air was not provided for because it was felt given the design of the addition, air conditioning would not be necessary.

The cost increases due to the changes won't be known until the new plans are drawn. The Ministry has said it will pay two-thirds of the increase, but Doiron feels given the circumstances, the MOH should have to pay 100 per cent of the additional cost.

Doiron wants the people of Haliburton County to know why construction of the addition has been delayed and feels the board has "an obligation to keep the people advised."



Strummin' on the old banjo...and the auto harp

More than 5,000 people packed into Glebe Park this weekend for the Haliburton Legion Bluegrass Festival. For more pictures and story, see our Second Section

Business centre gets grant for upcoming year

by JAY KERR-WILSON
Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) has received \$482,300, and praise for its work, from the federal government.

The announcement was made on Monday by the MP for Victoria-Haliburton, Bill Scott, during a visit to the offices of the HCDC in Haliburton.

The HCDC was set up by the federal government to aid in commercial and industrial development in the county. The corporation has been structured to assist the needs of small businesses with regards to financing, counselling and information services.

This is the start of the third year of the corporation's five year mandate. Over the course of the five years the corporation will be able to loan a total of \$1.5 million to small businesses. After the five year period has expired the government will stop funding the corporation and the HCDC will use the revenue generated by the interest on the loans to become self-sufficient.

Last year the HCDC invested \$353,400 in local business which created 25 full-time jobs, three part-time jobs and four seasonal jobs. Manufacturing and tourism are the industries that received the most funding from the corporation.

HCDC Program Consultant Tom Cookson credited the efforts of Corporation Chairman Andy Campbell and the staff at the HCDC with the success of the program.

The corporation is administered by a volunteer board of directors and Cookson praised the individuals who donate their time to the HCDC and whose "experience and expertise are invaluable in obtaining the corporation's economic goals."

Scott said society today couldn't operate without the work of volunteers. He praised the HCDC for its efforts to date and urged them to continue to create long term employment for residents of Haliburton County.

Another heat wave rolls in

by JAY KERR-WILSON
Staff Reporter

It's not the heat, it's the humidity.

August was ushered in with the latest and most oppressive heat wave this summer. The day time highs for the first week of August were never below 34 degrees Celsius according to Minden's weather watcher, Phil Graham.

But the Humidex for the same period was well into the 40's. The Humidex is a summer version of

the wind chill factor. In the winter wind makes the air feel colder than it is and in the summer the humidity makes the air feel warmer than it is. So although the thermometer was reading 34 it felt like 44.

The body's natural defense against heat is to perspire. As the perspiration dries it cools the surface of our skin. But in extremely humid weather the air is so damp that our perspiration doesn't evaporate and our built-in air conditioners shut down.

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Health care: It's not as free as you might think

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

IT ALL SEEMS SO... FREE. You walk into the doctor's office, you walk out an hour later, perhaps not cured but not any poorer either. Need a new heart? You'll get one as soon as it's found. Never mind that each day you spend in Intensive Care following the operation will cost the province \$1,200—that's nothing to you. What about blood tests, brain scans, physiotherapy, corrective surgery or the latest in technological wizardry? Your only cost is the time you spend waiting for treatment. For \$360 a year in Ontario Health Insurance Plan premiums, it doesn't seem like such a bad deal.

But of all the things in the world which one can get for free, health care isn't one of them—it just seems that way because we never have to see the bill.

Just consider these figures for a moment: In the next year, the province of Ontario will devote one-third of its budget to health care. In dollar terms, this means \$12.7-billion or \$1,600 for every man, woman and child in the province.

Ten years ago, the pricetag was \$3.68-billion and only half of the increase has been swallowed up by inflation.

Only \$1.738 billion of this will come from OHIP premiums, yet at the same time, OHIP will be billed for \$3.2-billion's worth of services. That's a 15.5 per cent increase every year since 1981.

All those high-tech treatments you're hoping will solve your problems will cost the province \$5.491-billion. And if a hospital decides that a new cardio-vascular surgeon is needed to provide that life-saving treatment, it will cost \$1-million a year just to provide the back up services, over and above the surgeon's wages.

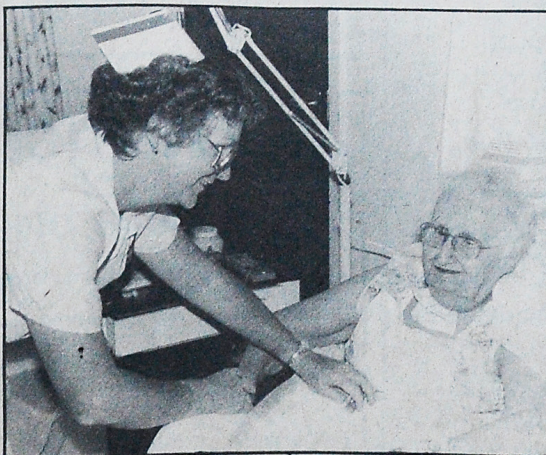
The province is being asked to approve capital projects, of which Haliburton's Continuing Care Unit is one, totalling \$254-million. In 1976, it was being asked to approve \$96.5-Million worth of capital spending.

A bitter pill

In short, "free" health care is turning out to be a bitter pill for the government to swallow. And

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There's one thing you'd never be able to put a price on at the Haliburton Hospital: The personal and caring attention. Here RNA Deborah Bain helps patient May Roberts



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**HALIBURTON LAKE
\$789,000**



Fantastic opportunity! This yr-rd cottage/waterfront home is situated on beautiful Haliburton Lake. Solid quality construction and built in 2010 - just awaiting your finishing touches. Exceptional view of the lake from most rooms, the screened-in porch, and the full-length deck which spans across the front of the cottage. Large open concept kitchen, living room and dining room, 2 spacious bdrms and 2 baths, and 9ft ceilings throughout. The primary bdrm has an ensuite bath, walk-in closet, and walk-out to the deck. Downstairs there are 9ft ceilings, a large rec room, third bdrm, 4 pc bath, laundry, and utility. 118.31 feet of clean rock and sand shoreline, large dock, sitting area on shore and big lake views!

**IRONDALE RIVER
\$759,000**



First time being offered for sale! This beautiful 3-bdrm 1 bath year-round home or cottage. With over 200 feet of frontage and 3.24 acres, this level property provides ample privacy. Sand riverfront shoreline is perfect for swimming. This home was built in 2015 and offers a spacious kitchen finished with wood cabinetry, soft close drawers, ceramic flooring, and a large island. The formal dining room is the perfect size for your family's harvest table. Sunken living room with walkout to the large front deck. The unfinished lower-level waits your finishing touch to create more space for your family.

**MAIN STREET REZ
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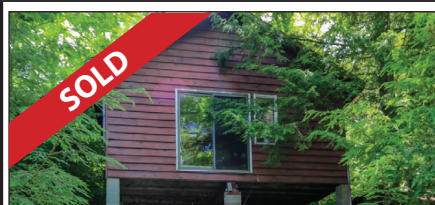
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**NEGAUNEE LAKE
\$498,000**



3 bedroom cottage situated on a lovely level sunny lot. Enjoy peace and tranquility on this non-motorized lake. Great for fishing, canoeing, kayaking and stand up paddle boarding. 191 + feet of shoreline and 1+ acres. Located on a year round road, approximately 15 minutes to Haliburton Village. Large spacious open concept living room and dining area. Seasonal Bunkie for the overflow guests. Large storage shed is ideal for storing tools, toys and lawn equipment. Miskwabi Lake public access is just down the road.

**TROOPER LAKE
\$320,000**



Escape to your cabin in the woods! Traditional 3-bedroom seasonal cottage nestled amongst the trees overlooking Trooper Lake. The open concept kitchen and living room have tranquil lake views. Cute little bunkie provides extra sleeping space. 100 feet of water frontage with ample privacy, private dock. Natural shoreline with deep water off the dock. Great opportunity to get into the cottage market. This property is being sold "As is where is".

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